

STAFFORD COUNTY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY - MARCH 3, 2011

The Stafford County Historical Commission held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 3, 2011, in Conference Room ABC, Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Road. The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM by Anita Dodd.

ROLL CALL

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
Anita Dodd - Chair	P		Amber Forestier - Environmental Planner - Planning
Ann Best-Rolls - Vice Chair	P		Terry Baxley Morton - Commission Clerk
Barbara Kirby - Secretary	P		
Cessie Howell		A	
Jane Conner	P		
David Rodriguez MD	P		
Frank White		A	

PRESENTATIONS BY PUBLIC - None.

- Stafford County Annual Historic Preservation Award Nominations - Discussion & Selections

- Nominations Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2011, 7:00 PM, in Conference Room ABC.
- The meeting on the 24th is for various groups to discuss their nominations with the Commission.
- The Historical Commission discussed and chose its nominations.

- Falmouth Intersection - Update & Discussion

- The Commission sent a letter to John Cooke, Archeologist for VDOT.
- An e-mail was received from John Cooke with questions regarding a potential historical road in the Falmouth area.
- Commission members were invited to go with John Cooke to investigate the potential road. There has to be documented research that the road exists.
- The Commission was going to e-mail a map.

- Signage Correction

- New signage at the beginning of the Falmouth area on Warrenton Road has a misspelled word.
- Commission members were going to inquire about having the signage corrected.

REPORT BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

- Sherwood Estates Letter

- Corrections to the letter were reviewed.
- Jane Conner motioned, seconded by Barbara Kirby to approve the letter with corrections. All were in favor by verbal vote.

- Amber Oaks Letter

- The Commission requested a Phase I study along the ridges of the Rappahannock River and some documentation of the house.

- The developer responded in an e-mail. Corrections were sent to him.
- The Commission will send a final comments e-mail and the developer will present the comments to the Planning Commission.

- Quantico Corporate Center Letter

- There is a cemetery on the property. The Cemetery is special. It was a black cemetery with black iconography including the use of conk shells and there is a stone with a coin imbedded in it.
- Comments regarding the report provided are as follows: The report is brief.
 - Refers to three buildings - there are two buildings and an addition to the first building.
 - Refers to structures rather than buildings.
 - States the buildings are common to the area, however, they are not.
 - Buildings were not measured.
 - No footprint was provided.
 - A 35 foot buffer has been established around the cemetery.

- Ruby Meadows

- The old Ruby post office was on Carl Jackson's property and was relocated. He has spoken of having it placed back on his property.
- The building is deteriorating and the Commission has permission to draw up the building.

- Hartwood Fire Station

- The building is next to the late Stewart Jones property across the street from Hartwood Church.
- The drain field is failing and needs to be enlarged or a new drain field built.
- The Virginia Outdoors Foundation holds the easement on the Stewart Jones property. Fire station staff inquired about using two acres of the land yet the land will remain part of the Jones property. An attorney is trustee of the property.
- The deed for the easement on the Stewart Jones property would be recorded again with a more accurate description. The actual deed will be corrected as it refers to two acres, plus or minus for the portion of the Stewart Jones parcel between US-17 and Hartwood Church Road, but a measurement from aerial photographs shows that that portion is actually six acres. A plat has not been located for the property
- It was established the Commission would contact the Virginia Outdoors Foundation regarding its concern about the easement possibly being revoked.

The Commission unanimously approved sending a letter to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation regarding the Hartwood Fire Station.

- GWRC/FAMPO Presentation

- George Washington Regional Commission / Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Organization requested giving a presentation to the Commission next month inquiring about suggestions for its long range plan - future growth, development and quality of life in the region. The Commission agreed to accept the offer of a presentation.

REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

- The Commission will invite M.C. Moncure, Tourism Manager, to attend the next Commission meeting regarding signage.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM.